

Amendments to the Claims:

Please cancel claims 1-16 as presented in the underlying International Application No. PCT/DE2003/002390.

Please add new claims 17-33 as indicated in the listing of claims below.

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claims 1-16 (cancelled)

Claim 17 (new): A hydraulic actuation system, comprising:

a master cylinder unit;

a slave cylinder unit;

a hydraulic medium line connecting the master cylinder unit and the slave cylinder unit;

and

a throttle valve for adjusting a flow resistance between cylinders of the master cylinder unit and the slave cylinder unit.

Claim 18 (new): The actuation system as recited in claim 17, further comprising:

an actuator configured to actuate the throttle valve;

a piston sensor configured to detect a movement of a piston in at least one of the cylinder units; and

a control unit connected to the piston sensor and controlling the actuator.

Claim 19 (new): The actuation system as recited in claim 18, wherein the actuation system is configured to actuate a vehicle clutch, wherein the piston sensor detects movement speed of the piston of the master cylinder unit, and, if the speed exceeds a predefined value as the clutch engages, the control unit triggers the actuator to reduce a through-flow cross section of the hydraulic medium line.

Claim 20 (new): The actuation system as recited in claim 19 further comprising an engine actuator configured to increase an output of an internal combustion engine of the vehicle if the piston reaches a predefined position and/or the piston speed exceeds a predefined value as the clutch engages.

Claim 21 (new): The actuation system as recited in claim 19, wherein the control unit is connected to at least one of a wheel sensor configured to detect a rotational speed of a vehicle wheel and a transmission ratio sensor.

Claim 22 (new): The actuation system as recited in claim 1, wherein the throttle valve includes a connector bore hole leading to a working chamber of one of the cylinder units, a bore hole extending at a substantially right angle to the connector bore hole, and a valve element disposed in the bore hole and moveable by a flow of the hydraulic medium between the cylinder units to a stop position in contact with the stop, in which a flow cross section of the throttle valve is reduced.

Claim 23 (new): The actuation system as recited in claim 22, wherein the valve element is pipe-shaped and includes an axial through-channel having a channel wall and a radial opening in the channel wall, the valve element being moveable from a first position, in which hydraulic medium flowing out of the working chamber flows through the through-channel, to the stop position by the hydraulic medium flowing into the working chamber, in which an end face of the valve element rests against the stop at least partially closing the through-channel, and the hydraulic medium flows through the radial opening.

Claim 24 (new): The actuation system as recited in claim 22, wherein the bore hole is disposed in a housing of the respective cylinder unit and the pressure medium line is connected to the bore hole.

Claim 25 (new): The actuation system as recited in claim 22, wherein the throttle valve is assigned to the master cylinder unit of a vehicle hydraulic clutch actuation system and reduces

the flow cross section of the flow of hydraulic medium into the master cylinder.

Claim 26 (new): A device for connecting a pipe-shaped hydraulic medium line to a connector on a housing, the device including:

- a cylindrical attachment part of the housing including an insertion channel;
- a pipe disposed within the insertion channel and defining an annular space between an outside of the pipe and an inside of the insertion channel;
- a radial annular surface delimiting an axially inward end of the annular space;
- a cylindrical locking element having a front end section and a rear end section and insertable into the insertion channel, wherein in an inserted state, the front end-section protrudes into the annular space and the rear end-section lies outside the cylindrical attachment part;
- at least one sealing ring disposable in the annular space between an end face of the locking element and the radial annular surface; and
- a locking sleeve rotatable relative to the locking element and from an unlock position, in which the pipe is insertable through the locking sleeve and locking element beyond the annular surface of the attachment part and into the insertion channel, to a lock position, in which the pipe is held axially against the attachment part by one of the locking element and the locking sleeve.

Claim 27 (new): The device as recited in claim 26, wherein the housing houses one of a master cylinder and a slave cylinder.

Claim 28 (new): The device as recited in claim 26, wherein, in the inserted state of the pipe, the front end section extends back through the annular space.

Claim 29 (new): The device as recited in claim 26, wherein an outward end of the annular space is delimited by a radial holding surface, the front end section including a counter surface resting against the holding surface.

Claim 30 (new): The device as recited in claim 26, wherein a rear end section of the locking element has a radially inward stop surface and wherein the pipe has a projection resting against the stop surface.

Claim 31 (new): The device as recited in claim 30, wherein the stop surface delimits the annular space, which overlaps the projection.

Claim 32 (new): The device as recited in claim 30, wherein the projection includes an annular bulge.

Claim 33 (new): The device as recited in claim 26, wherein the locking element has at least two locking element fingers disposed diametrically opposite one another and resting against an outside of the cylindrical attachment part, wherein the locking sleeve has at least two locking sleeve fingers, and wherein, in the lock position, the locking element fingers and the locking sleeve fingers are pressed into engagement with the outside of the cylindrical attachment part in a form-locking manner.